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The CIA and World Government

Our Messrs. Allen and Scott reported the other day that John McCone, new head of the Central Intelligence Agency, is all shook up at some of the things he has found going on since he took over.

Among the items turned up, according to Scott and Allen, was that some \$400 million has been spent in 12 months for covert operations and intelligence gathering activities and that nobody has made a full report on how it was spent and why.

Mr. McCone has asked Cord Meyer Jr., who handled these unvouchered funds, to give him a break-down. One reason is that Mr. McCone learned that CIA has promoted or financed "every major international socialist conference" held in Europe in the past 10 years.

We're pretty sure this is the first time Americans have learned that CIA money was spent financing socialist meetings. To what purpose, one wonders?

Perhaps it is news to most, as it was to us, that Cord Meyer Jr. is the official handling these unvouchered expenditures.

We haven't a thing in the world

against Cord Meyer, personally. From reputation he is a man of intelligence, integrity, conviction and principle.

But he has been national president and prime mover of United World Federalists. For years he preached from platform and in pamphlet about the virtues and necessity of world government.

What we have is not a world government, but a Republic and a Constitution. The CIA is the intelligence and counter-intelligence agency created to help secure that Republic and that helps maintain that Constitution. Is it proper to have as a high official in that agency a known advocate of a supranational government to take the place of our own government? We think not.

Of course, Mr. Meyer may have changed his views. But there is no public record that he has, so far as we know. And a better place for his talents, we think, would be a post not with CIA but with the UN.

Considering the sort of world government that would be formed from the UN, even Mr. Meyer might conclude that we'd be better off sticking to our form of government, inadequate as it may seem to world federalists.